

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA859

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic WATKINS/WELSH WING

and/or common WATKINS/WELSH SCHOOLHOUSE

2. Location

street & number DAVIDSONVILLE ROAD not for publication

city, town DAVIDSONVILLE vicinity of 4th congressional district

state MARYLAND county ANNE ARUNDEL CO.

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>district</u>	<u>public</u>	<u>x</u> occupied	<u>agriculture</u>
<u>x</u> building(s)	<u>x</u> private	<u>unoccupied</u>	<u>commercial</u>
<u>structure</u>	<u>both</u>	<u>work in progress</u>	<u>X</u> educational
<u>site</u>	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u>entertainment</u>
<u>object</u>	<u>in process</u>	<u>x</u> yes: restricted	<u>government</u>
	<u>being considered</u>	<u>yes: unrestricted</u>	<u>industrial</u>
	<u>x</u> not applicable	<u>no</u>	<u>military</u>
			<u>museum</u>
			<u>park</u>
			<u>X</u> private residence
			<u>religious</u>
			<u>scientific</u>
			<u>transportation</u>
			<u>other:</u>

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name ROBERT A GAUG

street & number 1478 ST STEPHENS CHURCH ROAD telephone no.:

city, town CROWNSVILLE MD state and zip code 21032

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE liber 2854

street & number SOUTH STREET folio 614

city, town ANNAPOLIS state MD 21401

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This small building faces south and is now located off Old Davidsonville Road. It is north of route 424 and west of route 50 approximately one-half mile from the intersection of these two roads. It is visible from both routes. The structure was moved to its present location on a level field when route 50 was built.

The original section of this building was once a one room schoolhouse. It had been built by the Welsh and Watkin's families to house the tutoring of Benjamin Watkins II and Ann Welsh who were later married. It's original location was on the south side of Route 424 in a field to the left of the current road to the farm of Benjamin Watkins IV. The two families hired a schoolmaster named Hefferman. He was given room and board with the Welshes and a salary of \$70 per year. Upon his suicide the school was abandoned as such and was moved to the vicinity of Route 50 near the present site. A kitchen wing was added and the building was converted to house the manager of the Watkins farm. When Route 50 was constructed this building had to be moved. The original school section had deteriorated so greatly that it was removed. It is only the kitchen addition that survives.

This one and half story building has a gable roof which has been extended on the front to cover a full width porch. Closer inspection reveals that a narrower centered porch roof still remains under the newer roof. The original two square posts of this earlier roof supports the current roof with another one at the west end. The west side has been enclosed. The floor is concrete. A front entrance is centered. Its door has six panes over a single panel. To the right is a narrow vertical single pane window.

The east side has a cinder block chimney centered in the gable. There are no first floor windows. In the gable, flanking the chimney, are a pair of four pane outswinging windows.

The rear of the house has only one two over two horizontal pane window slightly to the left of center.

On the west side are two similar two over two windows centered one on each level.

The front of the house has siding of painted particle board. The rest of the siding is asbestos. The roof is asphalt shingles. The only observable feature of the original building is rough weathered box cornice and frieze board on the rear with similar wood used for rake boards on the gable eaves. The later widen at the ends. The foundation is cinder block. It was not possible to observe the sills, joists, & rafters.

To the northeast is a shed roof necessary with board and batten siding.

Southwest of the house is a hand pump set in concrete, on the pump is the manufacturers name; McDonald Mfg Co. Fig 706.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

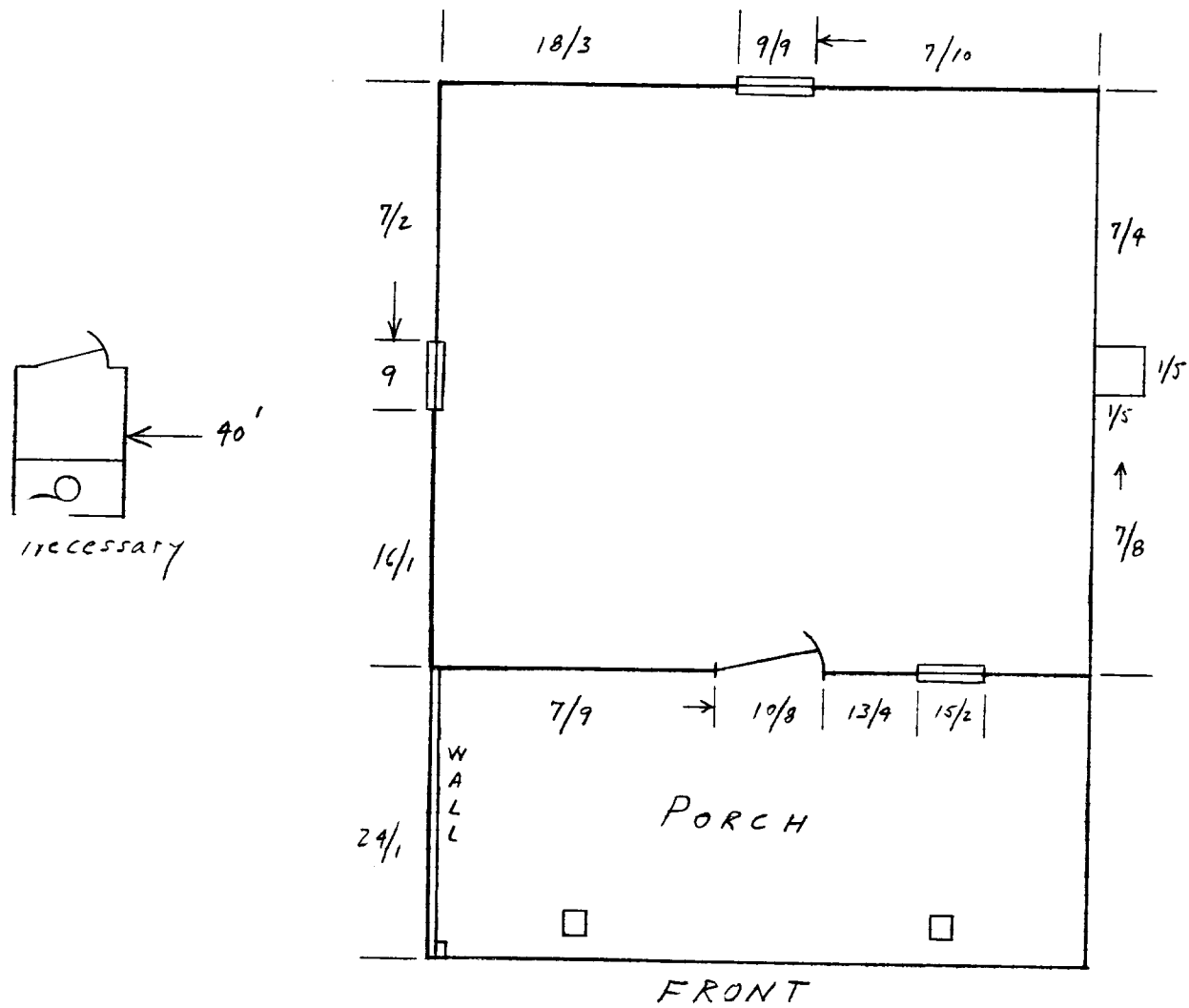
Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.



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